



MEMORANDUM

TO: Indiana School Superintendents

FROM: Dr. Tony Bennett, Superintendent of Public Instruction
Dr. Stacey Hughes, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning
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DATE: March 10, 2010

SUBJECT: Common Core Standards Public Review and Mathematics Textbook Adoption

Included with this Memo are three attachments detailing specific information on the Common Core Standards. This first is an Overview of the Common Core Standards including a weblink to view the standards, which are now available for public comment, and Indiana's Plan for implementing the Common Core Standards. The second provides specific information about the implementation plan for the Common Core Mathematics Standards, the 2009 Indiana Mathematics Standards, and the textbook adoption process. The third provides Fast Facts regarding a Classroom Innovation Grant that the IDOE will be releasing on March 17 for districts to pilot digital mathematics content in grades 6-8 and/or Algebra in lieu of a textbook.

We have great expectations for the quality of work that will be accomplished on behalf of our students through our partnership with schools as we implement the Common Core Standards ensuring our students experience rigorous content and application of knowledge through high-order skills and are highly prepared for college and work expectations.